



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Office of Administration
Washington DC 20420

February 12, 2019

American Oversight
Mr. Hart Wood
1030 15th Street N.W. Suite 255
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Dear Mr. Wood,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in which you are asking for correspondences." My office received this request on February 4, 2019 under FOIA tracking number 19-03920-F.

Pursuant to your request, the Office of Administration conducted a search of records and did not locate any reimbursement expenses to political appointees within the date range of December 21, 2018 through January 25, 2019.

You have the right to appeal this determination. You may do so by writing to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel (024), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20420. The appeal letter must be postmarked no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the adverse determination. The envelope and the letter should be marked: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL." The appeal letter must clearly state the reason for the appeal. The appeal letter should also include: (1) the name of the FOIA Officer, (2) the address of the component, (3) the date of the component's determination, if any, and (4) the precise subject matter of the appeal.

If you do appeal only a portion of the determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing. Please enclose a copy of this letter and your original request. You may also include a daytime telephone number in case the Office of General Counsel needs additional information.

No fees are being charged for the processing of this request.

This concludes the Human Resources and Administration response to your request.

Sincerely,

Delores Tyms-Williams
FOIA Officer
Human Resources and Administration



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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VIA Email: foia@americanoversight.org

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Re: Freedom of Information Act No. 19-03919-F

Dear Mr. Wood:

This letter is in response to your electronic Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated January 28, 2019, in which you requested:

All records reflecting costs reimbursed or paid directly by your agency for any reimbursable expenses attributable to any political appointee. Payments or reimbursements include any payments associated with travel (including the travel of any staff or security detail assigned to a political appointee), long-term housing, the cost of government transportation, individual airfare for government employees and/or their spouses, lodging, meals, per diem payments, rental vehicles, overtime payments, payments made via government-issued charge cards or travel cards, or any other reimbursable expenses. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/21/2018 To 1/25/2019)

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion has not identified any of the records that you are seeking.

Your request for a fee waiver is moot as no fees were assessed in responding to this request.

If you have any questions about this letter, you may contact Ms. A'ngela D. Dunn, at angela.dunn2@va.gov.

Sincerely,

A'ngela D. Dunn
FOIA Officer